

OREGON POTATOES



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Processing Potatoes

Total processing of 2004 crop potatoes in the 9 major states amounted to 119.4 million cwt as of March 1, 2005, reflecting a decrease of 1 percent from the total processed during the same period last year. Of this processed total, 23.7 million cwt were used for dehydrated products, excluding starch and flour. Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 50.7 million cwt of raw potatoes to March 1, slightly less than a 1 percent decrease from last year and amounting to 42 percent of the processed total in the 9 major states as of March 1. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon, used 44.6 million cwt of raw potatoes to March 1, an increase of 2 percent from one year ago and reflecting 37 percent of the processed total in the 9 major states as of March 1. The total usage of potatoes for processing as of March 1 in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon accounted for nearly 39 percent of the 2004 crop production in those three States.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2003 and 2004 crops ¹

Storage season	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
	Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon							
2003-2004	24,310	30,730	36,260	43,640	49,570	56,380	63,770	77,530
2004-2005	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	-	-	-	-
	Washington and other areas, Oregon							
2003-2004	32,670	38,520	43,610	51,210	58,500	64,160	72,350	79,800
2004-2005	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	-	-	-	-
	Maine ²							
2003-2004	1,590	2,085	2,720	3,420	4,095	4,740	5,400	7,270
2004-2005	1,555	1,985	2,615	3,150	-	-	-	-
	Other states ³							
2003-2004	13,835	16,505	19,590	22,685	25,920	29,480	32,845	42,160
2004-2005	12,525	15,035	18,005	20,945	-	-	-	-
	Total							
2003-2004	72,405	87,840	102,180	120,955	138,085	154,760	174,365	206,760
2004-2005	70,745	85,990	101,010	119,435	-	-	-	-

¹ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Total excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI and WI. ² Includes ME grown potatoes only. ³ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

Oregon’s March 1 stocks down nearly 18 percent

Potato stocks in Oregon totaled 9.0 million cwt as of March 1, 2005, reflecting a decrease of 18 percent from one year ago. This total accounts for 46 percent of the 2004 crop production in Oregon, compared to 52 percent last year at this time. Stocks include potatoes received from other States now being stored in Oregon.

About 65 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area as of March 1, while 18 percent were in Malheur County and 12 percent were in Klamath County. The remaining 5 percent were located in the Willamette Valley and in central and northeastern Oregon. Last year at this time, 73 percent of Oregon's stocks were in the Hermiston/Boardman area, compared to 10 percent each in Malheur and Klamath counties. Hermiston/Boardman area stocks are down 27 percent from last year and Klamath County stocks are down nearly 4 percent, while Malheur County stocks are up nearly 46 percent from last year.

Potato stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage, waste and other losses that occur after March 1.

U.S. March 1 Potato Stocks Up 1 Percent from Last Year

The 15 major potato States held 168 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2005, up 1 percent from last year and 2 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 42 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year.

Disappearance of 235 million cwt from the start of harvest to March 1, is down 1 percent from last year and 3 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 24.6 million cwt, is up 9 percent from last year and 10 percent above the same date in 2003.

Western States held 118 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, up 4 percent from last year but 2 percent below two years ago. Montana's potato stocks are up 14 percent from last year, Idaho's storages hold 10 percent more, and Colorado's potato sheds stored 4 percent more than last year. Washington's sheds hold 2 percent less than last year, and California's stocks are unchanged from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 40.0 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, down 6 percent from last year but 12 percent above two years ago. Michigan's potato stocks are down 24 percent, Minnesota potato sheds stored 8 percent less than last year, and Wisconsin's stocks decreased 2 percent. Nebraska and Ohio potato stocks combined decreased 15 percent from last year. North Dakota's sheds are the only sheds in the Central States storing more potatoes than last year, with an increase of 1 percent.

Eastern States stored 10.8 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, up 5 percent from last year and 19 percent above two years ago. Maine's potato sheds hold 6 percent more than last year, while New York and Pennsylvania's sheds remain unchanged from a year ago.

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and 15 state total, 2000-2004 ¹

Crop year	Production	Total stocks						
		Dec 1	Following year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
			Oregon					
2000	30,683	25,000	23,000	20,000	17,000	13,600	10,000	6,400
2001	20,730	17,500	15,500	14,000	11,500	8,500	6,500	3,000
2002	24,936	17,500	15,000	12,500	9,900	7,500	5,000	2,300
2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,400	5,500	2,900
2004	19,775	17,000	14,500	11,800	9,000	-	-	-
			15 Major states ¹					
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,327	271,800	238,220	204,190	168,420	-	-	-

¹ See table below for listing of 15 major fall potato states.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2003 and 2004 crops ¹

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004		
	Production	Total stocks Mar 1, 2004	Mar 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Mar 1, 2005	Mar 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	20,991	11,000	52	19,775	9,000	46
Idaho	123,180	58,000	47	131,970	64,000	48
Washington	93,150	29,500	32	93,810	29,000	31
Pacific Northwest ²	237,321	98,500	42	245,555	102,000	42
California	3,528	1,300	37	3,876	1,300	34
Colorado	23,652	10,700	45	23,148	11,100	48
Maine	17,030	8,900	52	19,220	9,400	49
Michigan	15,015	5,100	34	13,650	3,900	29
Minnesota	22,330	9,600	43	18,920	8,800	47
Montana	3,339	2,800	84	3,551	3,200	90
Nebraska	9,744	(³)	-	9,288	(³)	-
New York	6,510	700	11	5,184	700	14
North Dakota	27,440	13,000	47	26,765	13,100	49
Ohio	1,097	(³)	-	1,080	(³)	-
Pennsylvania	3,375	700	21	2,640	700	27
Wisconsin	32,800	11,200	34	30,450	11,000	36
Other states		3,780	-		3,220	-
15 State Total	403,181	166,280	41	403,327	168,420	42

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2004 totaled 26.4 million cwt. ² Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington. ³ Stocks combined into "other states" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.